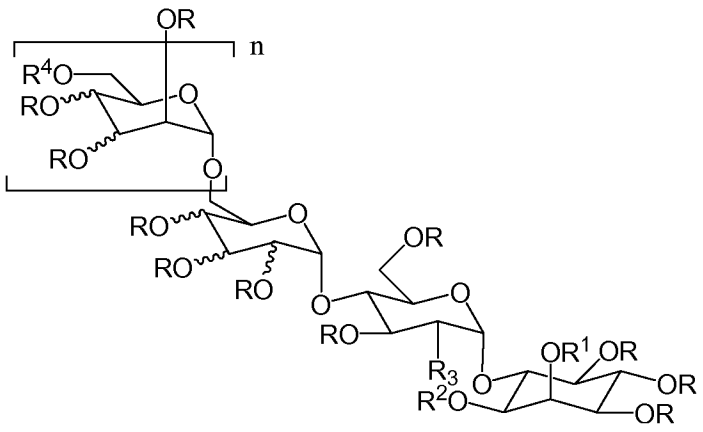
In the Claims:

1. (**currently amended**) A compound represented by formula **I**:



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wherein,

n is 1, 3, or 4;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)$_3$;

R^1 and R^2 are independently H, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)$_3$; or R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$, P(O)OH, or P(O)OR^5;

R^3 is amino, -N_3, or -NH_3X;

R^4 represents independently for each occurrence [[H,]] alkyl, aryl, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)$_3$, or -P(O)$(OR^5)_2$;

R^5 represents independently for each occurrence H, [[Li^+,]] Li^+, Na^+, K^+, Rb^+, Cs^+, aryl, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

X is a halogen, alkyl carboxylate, or aryl carboxylate.

2. (**canceled**)

3. (**original**) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 3.

4. (**original**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R is H.

5. (**original**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 taken together are $P(O)OR^5$.

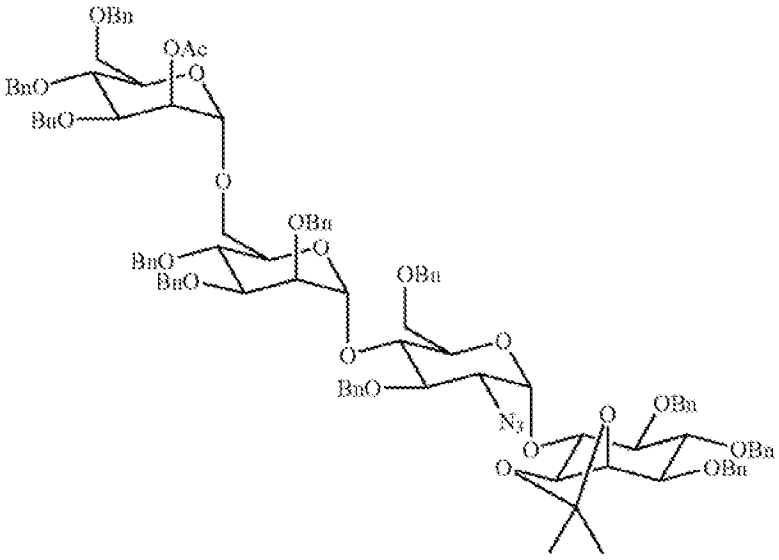
6. (**original**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^3 is N_3.

7. (**original**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^3 is $-NH_3X$.

8. (**currently amended**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^4 represents independently for each occurrence [[H,]] $-CH_2Ph$, or $-Si(alkyl)_3$.

9. (**currently amended**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^4 represents independently for each occurrence [[H,]] $-CH_2Ph$, -or $P(O)OR^5$; and R^5 is an optionally substituted alkyl group.

10. (**previously presented**) A compound selected from the group consisting of: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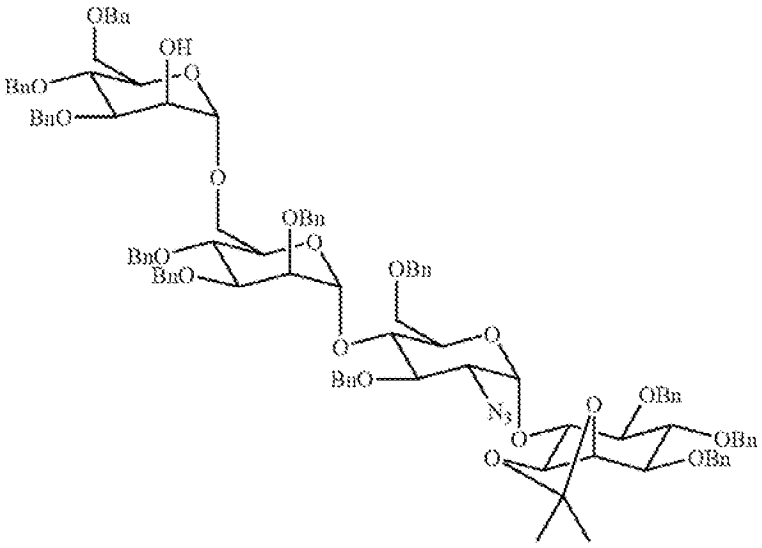
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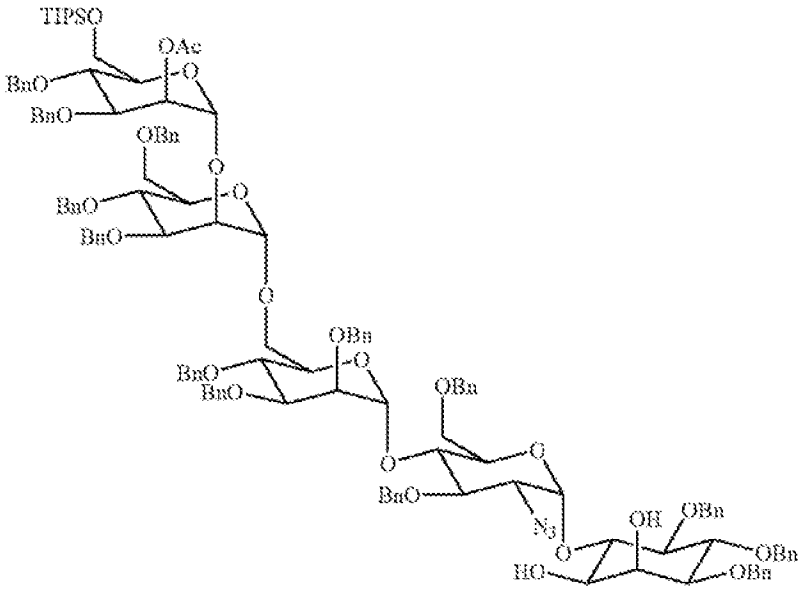
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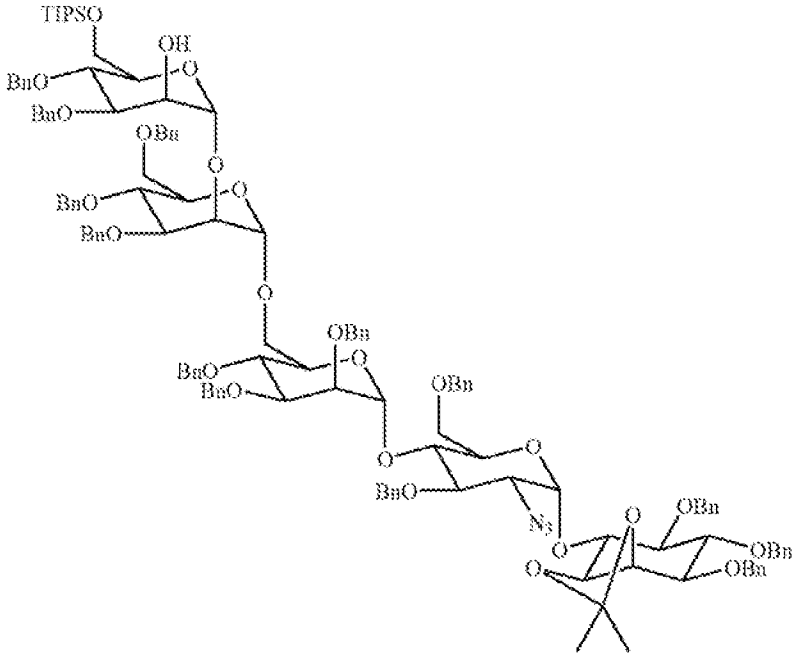
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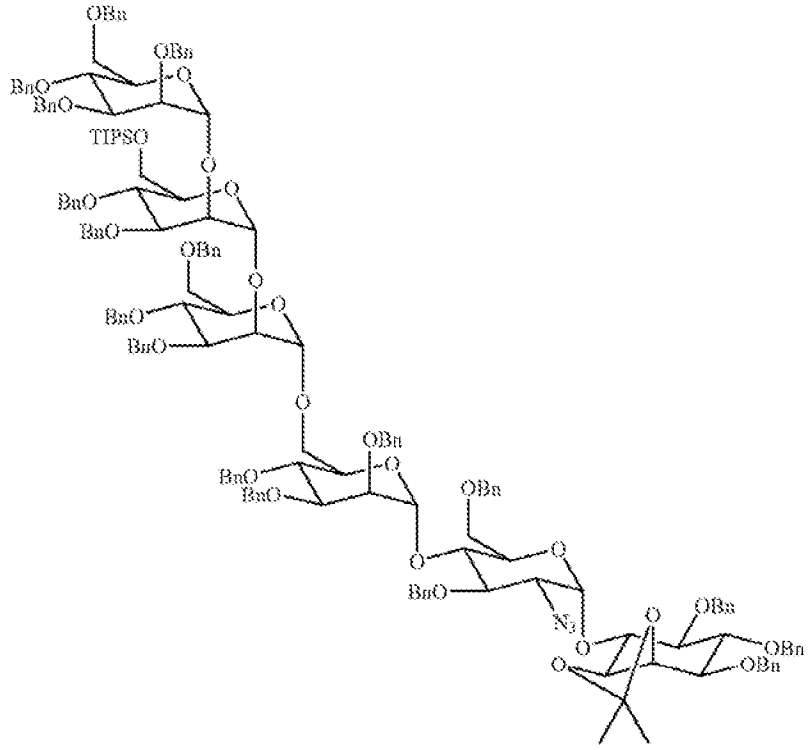

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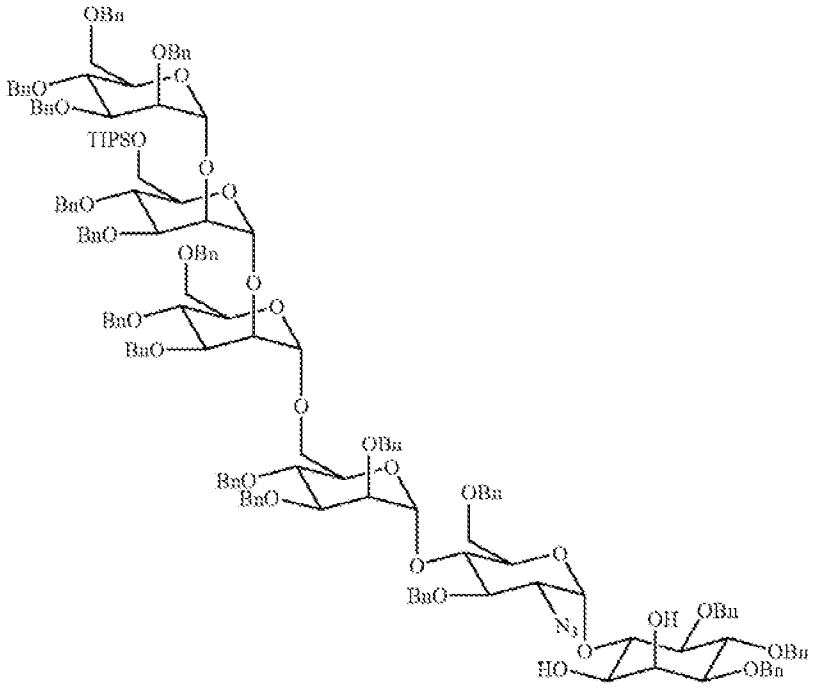

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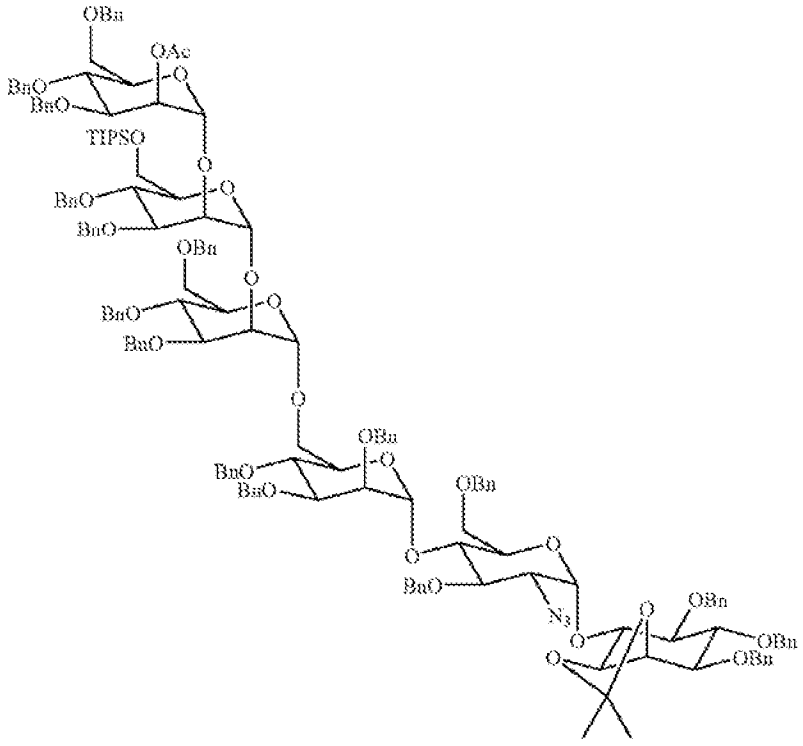
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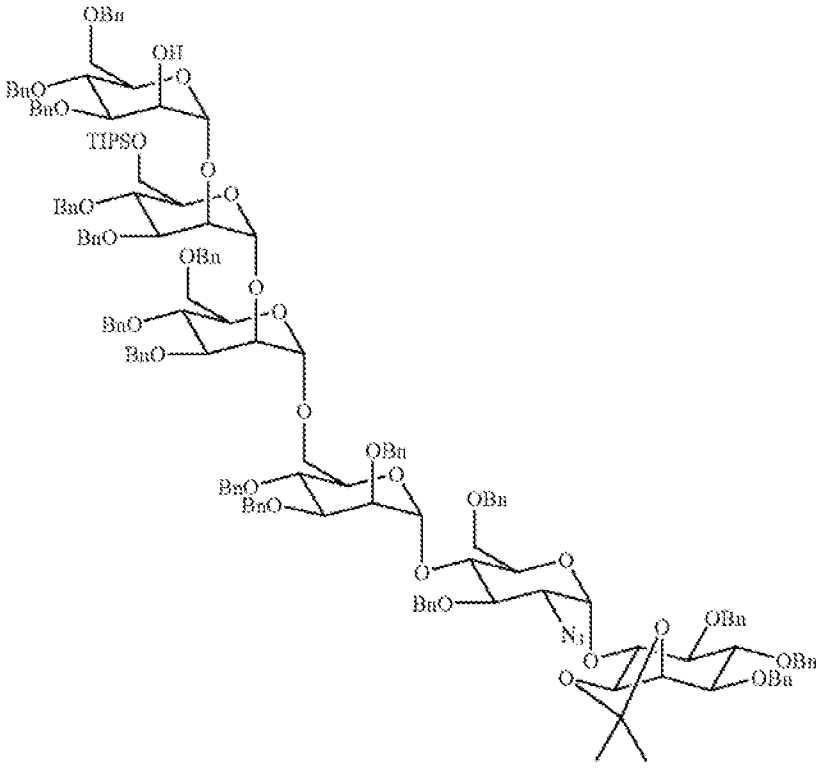
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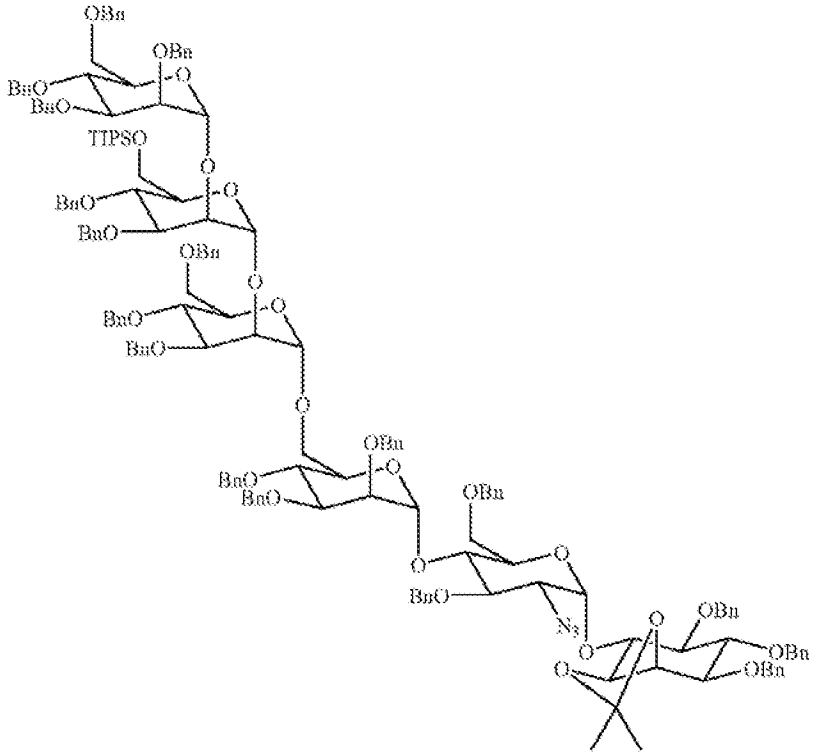

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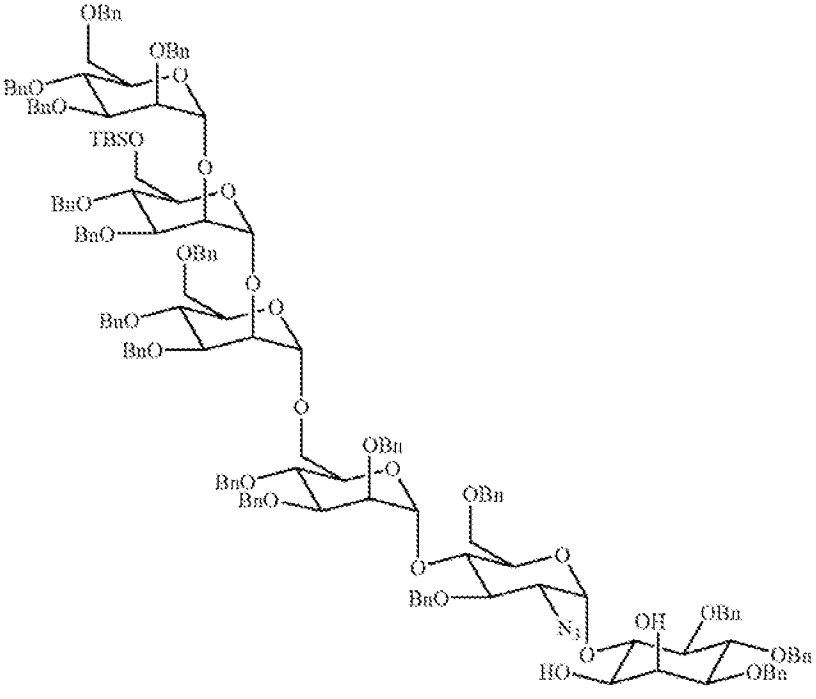

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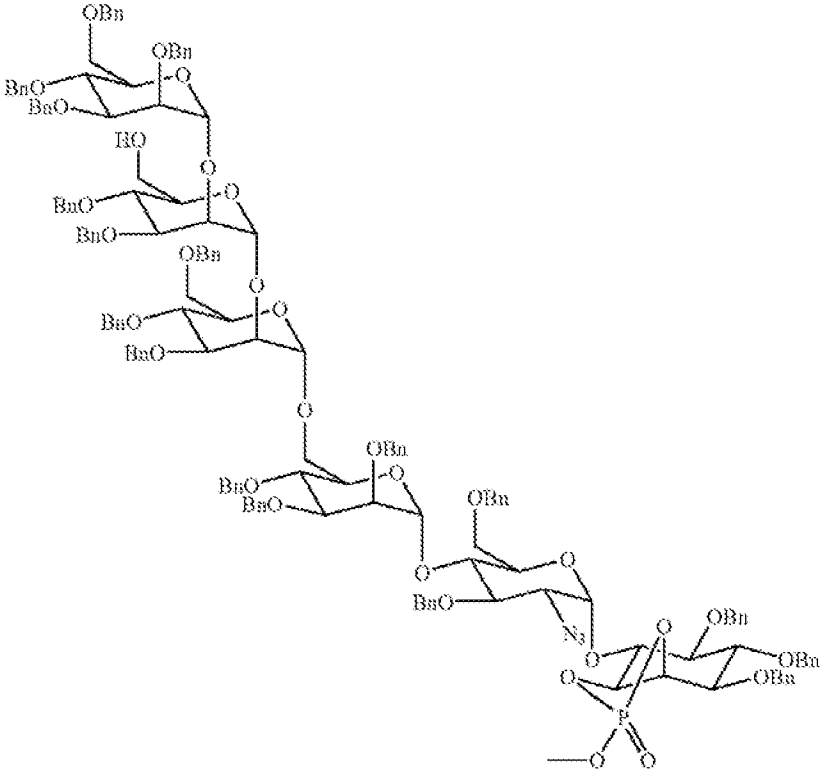

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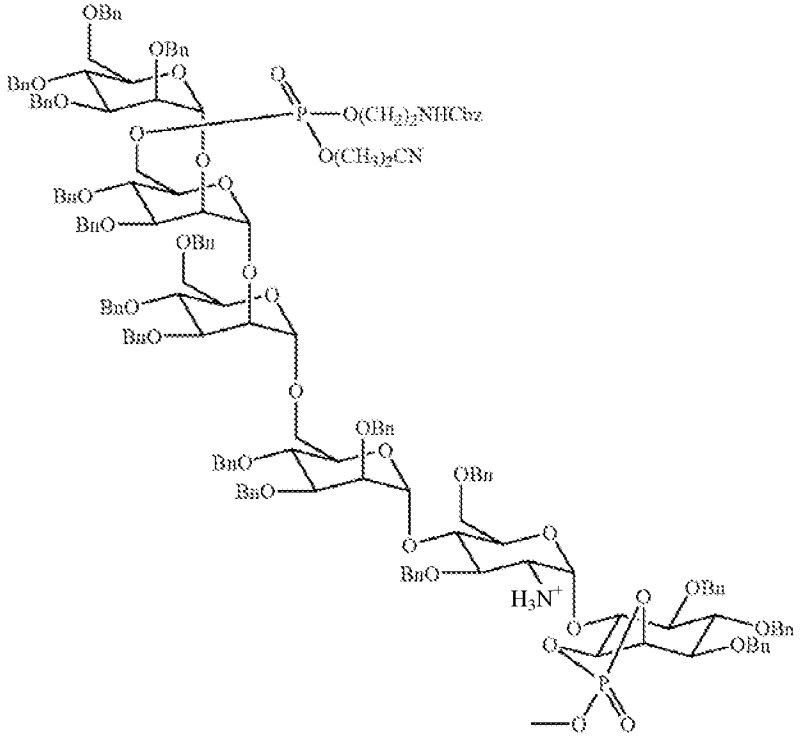

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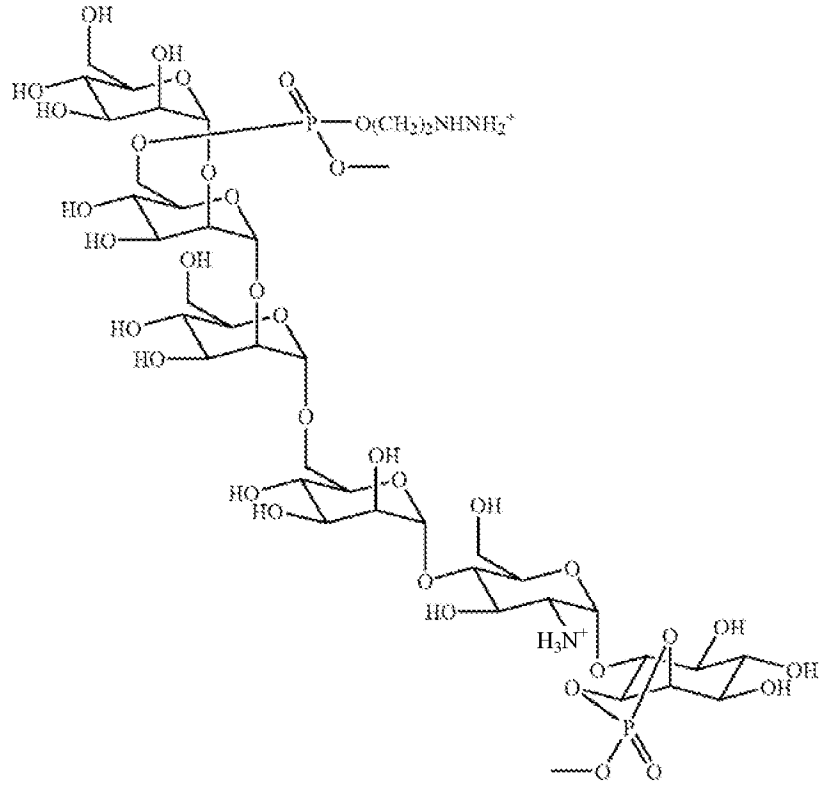

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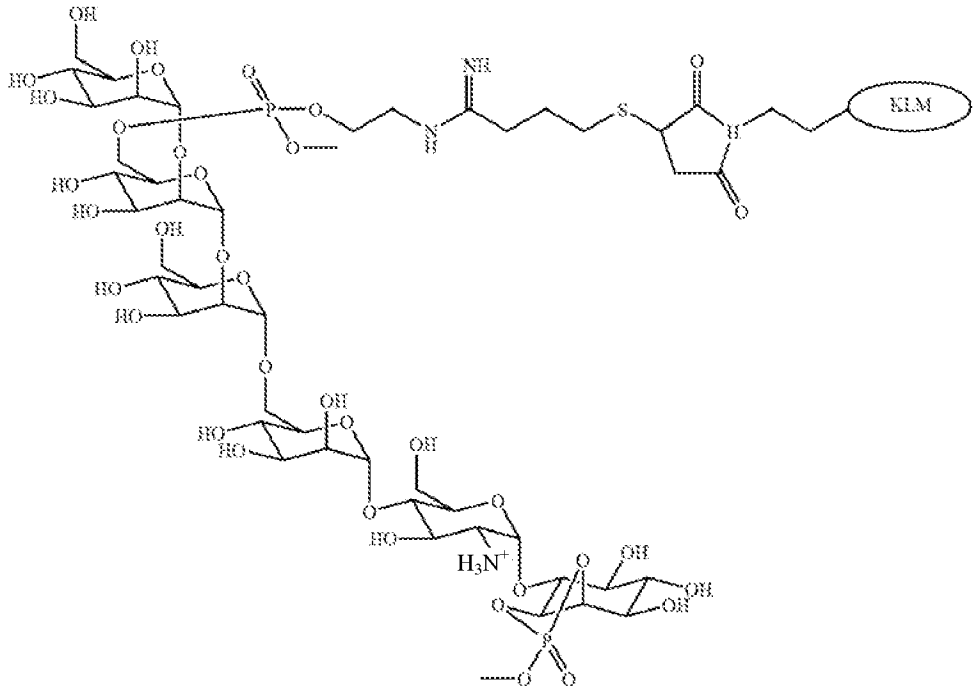

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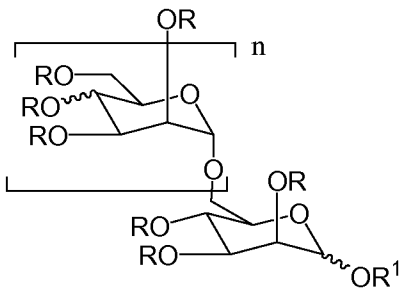
11. (**currently amended**) A compound represented by formula **II**:



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wherein,

n is [[1,]] 3, or 4;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)$_3$;

R^1 is -$(CH_2)_mCH{=}CH_2$ or trichloroacetimidate; and

m is 1-6.

12. (**canceled**)

13. (**original**) The compound of claim 11, wherein n is 3.

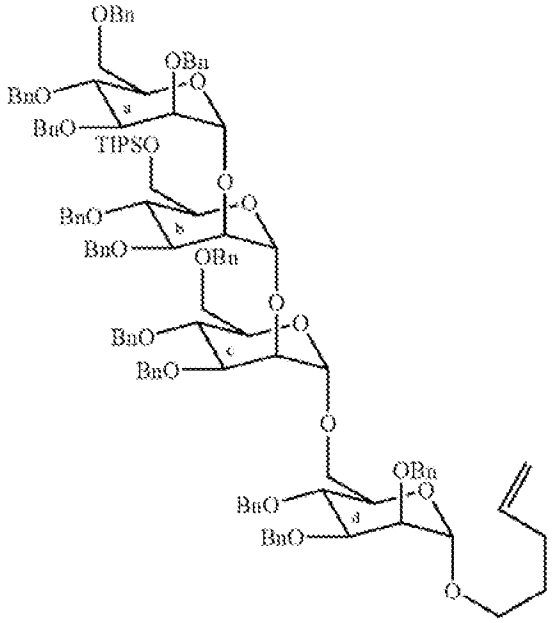
14. (**original**) The compound of claim 11, wherein m is 3.

15. (**original**) The compound of claim 11, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence -CH_2-aryl or -Si(alkyl)$_3$.

16. (**original**) The compound of claim 11, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence benzyl or -Si(iPr)$_3$.

17. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 11, wherein R^1 is trichloroacetimidate and R represents independently for each occurrence benzyl or -Si(iPr)$_3$.

18. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 11, wherein said compound of formula **II** is selected from the group consisting of:



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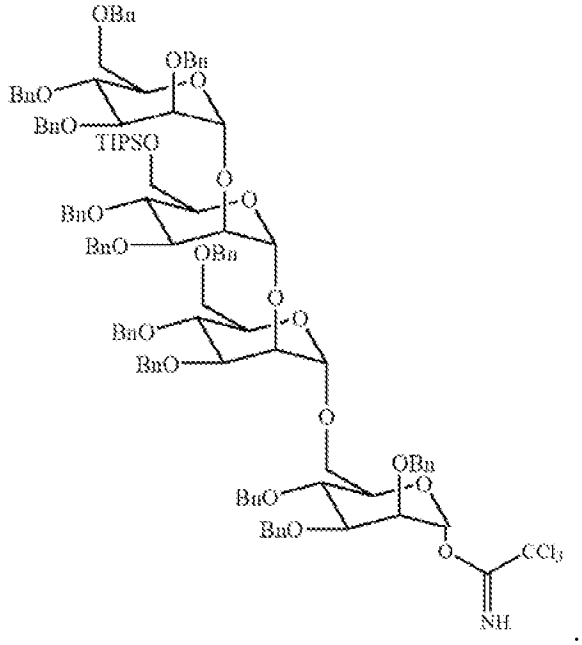
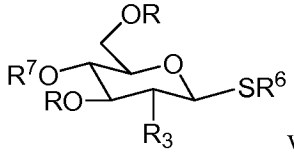
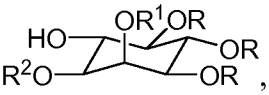
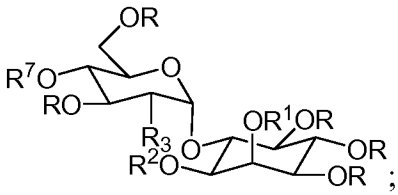


19. (**currently amended**) A method comprising the step of:

admixing a compound represented by  with a compound represented by  , followed by the addition, together or separately of *N*-

iodosuccinimide and silver triflate, thereby forming a compound represented by



; wherein,

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)$_3$;

R^1 and R^2 are independently H, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)$_3$; or R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$, P(O)OH, or $P(O)OR^5$;

R^3 is amino, $-N_3$, or $-NH_3X$;

R^5 represents independently for each occurrence H, [[Li^+,]] Li^+, Na^+, K^+, Rb^+, Cs^+, aryl, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R^6 is alkyl or aryl;

R^7 is alkyl, aryl, -CH_2-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)$_3$; and

X is a halogen, alkyl carboxylate, or aryl carboxylate.

20. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R is -CH_2-aryl.

21. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$.

22. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R^3 is $-N_3$.

23. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R^6 is alkyl.

24. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R^7 is -C(O)-alkyl.

25. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R is benzyl, R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$, and R^3 is $-N_3$.

26. (**original**) The method of claim 19, wherein R is benzyl, R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$, R^3 is $-N_3$, and R^6 is ethyl.

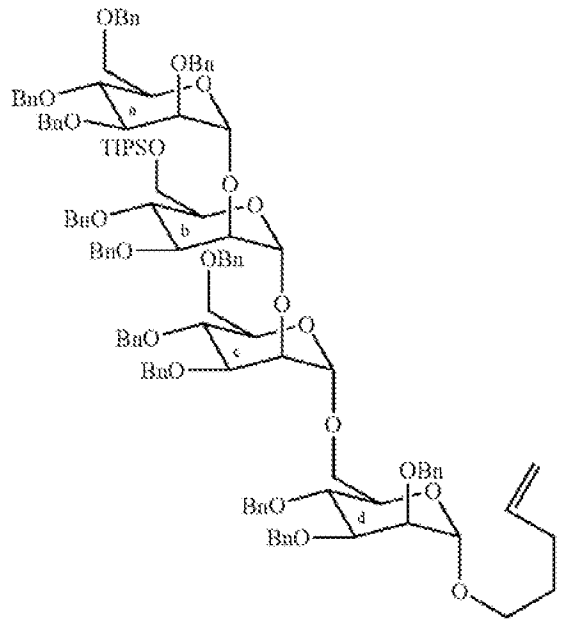
27. (**previously presented**) A method of preparing a tetrasaccharide, comprising the steps of:

covalently binding a mannopyranoside to a solid support to provide a first substrate, reacting said first substrate with a mannopyranose trichloroacetimidate to give a disaccharide bound to said solid support, reacting said disaccharide with a mannopyranose trichloroacetimidate to give a triisaccharide bound to said solid support, reacting said trisaccharide with a mannopyranose trichloroacetimidate to give a tetrasaccharide bound to said solid support, and cleaving said tetrasaccharide from said solid support.

28. (**original**) The method of claim 27, wherein said mannopyranoside is bound to said solid support through a glycosidic linkage.

29. (**original**) The method of claim 27, wherein said tetrasaccharide is cleaved from said solid support using Grubbs' catalyst.

30. (**previously presented**) The method of claim 27, wherein said tetrasaccharide is



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